

THE COURTS.

TRYING TO EVICT THE PASTOR.
THE TROUBLES OF THE CENTRAL PARK BAPTIST CHURCH IN COURT—CLERGYMAN AND THE OPPOSING TRUSTEES TESTIFY.

The case of the Central Park Baptist Church against C. Weston Patterson, the pastor, and others, for eviction, came up for trial before Justice McKeon in the VIIIth District Civil Court yesterday. The causes of the trouble were given fully in the Tribune at the time. Bad feeling had existed in the church for some time, and on March 23, at a church meeting, the pastor and his friends withdrew, and the anti-patronees, under the leadership of John Fraser and William H. Spooner, proceeded to retire the Rev. Mr. Patterson and the Board of Trustees and elected a new board. They then placed new locks and bolts on the doors, windows and gates and withdrew, deeming the church to be closed for a time, and feeling secure in the possession of the building.

But Mr. Patterson and his partisans upset all their calculations by formally breaking into the church and holding services on the following Sunday morning. The Pattersonites are still in possession.

The church, through the chairman of the new Board of Trustees John R. Fraser, petitioned that the defendants be evicted, as they took forcible possession March 23, and are still illegally in possession of the property.

The courtroom was crowded with members of the church. The defendants were represented by H. H. Gibbs, of No. 10 Wall Street, and by John B. Quinn, of 100 Broadway. Samuel M. Miller testified that he took the minutes of the meeting on March 23, and that motion to remove Mr. Patterson had been voted as moderator at the meeting, and described what occurred. He said that only twenty-six persons left with the pastor—not with the pastor's wife, who, when she left, was carrying the portraits of the pastor and the trustees carried on the testimony. Ex-Judge Langbein, for the petitioners, contended that as a majority had elected a new Board of Trustees it was perfectly competent to evict the pastor and trustees any business day.

Mr. Patterson contended that most of those present at the meeting on March 23 after he and his party had gone away were non-church members. This was disputed by Mr. Spooner. Judge McKeon reserved his decision.

TRYING TO SERVE PAPERS ON CROKER.

A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF HIS REAL ESTATE FIRM SUES FOR A COMMISSION.

Elgar Williams, formerly employed by Richard Croker in his real estate firm, No. 111 Broadway, has procured a summons for the Tammany chieftain to explain about a commission of \$300 for the sale of some property which Williams claims Mr. Croker is a member of the firm of Peter F. Meyer & Co. A summons was also presented by Williams for Meyer. This summons has been served, but Mr. Croker has not been found by the officers. Williams declares he was employed by the firm in September, 1892, at a salary of \$10 a week and 25 per cent of the commission, and by the firm on private sale of real estate arranged by him. In March, 1893, Williams declares, a piece of property near One hundred-and-twenty-sixth and Columbus Avenue was disposed of by Mr. Meyer for the Convention of the Sacred Heart. The commission was \$300. Williams says he was entitled to \$400 of this as his share.

It is denied that Williams knew nothing about the sale until after it took place. A month ago Williams got into some difficulty with his employer through the publication of news of a transaction at No. 111 Broadway which was criticized as incorrect.

Williams, left Meyer & Co., and went with the real estate firm of which J. R. Foley, Jr., is the head, at No. 113 Broadway.

Williams refused to talk about his action. Mr. Meyer would, also, say nothing. An effort was made yesterday to serve the papers on Mr. Croker, but he could not be found.

SUIT ARISING OUT OF A REORGANIZATION.

The suit brought by George Lord Day, as trustee under the will of Henry Day, the owner of fifty consolidated first mortgage bonds of the Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinaw Railroad Company; Daniel D. Lord, the owner of ten consolidated bonds, and Franklin B. Lord, the owner of five consolidated bonds of the same railroad, against the committee and trustees for the reorganization of the railroad, came up before Judge Lawrence, in the Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday upon motion by both the plaintiffs and the defendants to strike out all interrogatories in the complaint and answer. The action is brought for an accounting of the earnings of the railroad from November, 1889, to April, 1893, prior to the adoption of the plan of reorganization, for an accounting of the moneys received from assessments upon the stockholders, and for an injunction to restrain the committee from making any further assessment or from the issuance to these plaintiffs of certain shares of preferred stock as contemplated in the agreement of reorganization, and for an injunction to restrain the trustees from applying any part of \$4,800,000 bonds of the railway company to payment of an indebtedness of \$22,000. Judge Lawrence reserved his decision.

EX-GOVERNOR PITCHER'S ESTATE.

An order was signed yesterday by Judge Lawrence, of the Supreme Court, appointing Franklin B. Bissell trustee under the will of ex-Governor George Pitcher, of New Jersey, in the place of his granddaughter, Meta J. B. Caldwell. Mr. Pitcher left Williamsburg, N. J., last Friday, and his valuable real estate in this city and New Jersey. He left it in trust for his daughter, Mrs. Le Mon, who is about seven years old, with directions that she and her children upon her death, Mrs. Caldwell, one of her children, was appointed trustee. Several months ago Mrs. Le Mon made accusations that her daughter had turned over to her mother all the income due her. She, therefore, asked to have her daughter removed as trustee. Caldwell was appointed to act, and upon this question, she and her daughter have been arranged. Mrs. Caldwell's resignation has been accepted, and Mrs. Bissell has been appointed trustee in her place.

COURT OF APPEALS CALENDAR.

Albany, April 26.—The Court of Appeals calendar for to-morrow is Nos. 415, 416, 421, 431, 434, 437, 438 and 439.

COURT CALENDARS FOR TO-DAY.

Supreme Court—General Term—Recus.

Supreme Court-Chambers Before Lawrence, J.—Court cases at 10:30 a.m.; Motion calendar called at 11 a.m.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part I—Adjudged for the term.

Supreme Court—General Term—Adjudged for the term.

Supreme Court—Part II—Before McCarthy, J.—Motion calendar called at 11 a.m.

Common Pleas—General Term—Before Wright, J.—Court cases at 10:30 a.m.

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Supreme Court—General Term—Adjudged until Monday, May 7.

Supreme Court—Trial Part—I—Before Dugay, J.—Court cases at No. 2014, Palisade vs. Canada, Case unfinished.

Supreme Court—Trial Parts II and III—Adjudged for the term.

Supreme Court—Chambers—Before Arnold, S.—Motion calendar called at 10:30 a.m.

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